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In re Patent Application of:  
Masaki Katoh, et al.

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Application No.: 10/620,692

Confirmation No.: 9309

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Art Unit: 2655

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SPEED WHICH HALF OF LOWEST  
GUARANTEED SPEED FOR THE  
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Examiner: Gautam Patel

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Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated January 14, 2005, in which there is no indication that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 16, 2004, May 4, 2004, May 26, 2004, and July 6, 2004, have been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements be formally acknowledged at the earliest possible convenience. Copies of the Information Disclosure Statements are attached along with the corresponding postcard receipts with date-stamp showing the respective filing dates.

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Acknowledgment of the references cited in the Information Disclosure  
Statements is solicited.

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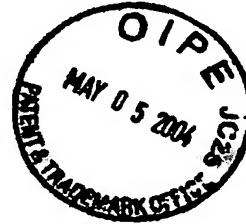
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted to correct Applicants' error in a previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on April 16, 2004. The previously filed IDS erroneously listed the publication date of U.S. Patent No. 6,022,605 as May 1997 instead of February 2000 on Form PTO/SB/08A. A corrected Form PTO/SB/08A with the correct publication date is submitted concurrently with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.



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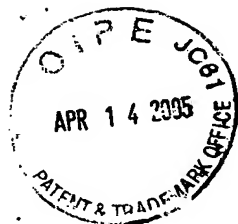
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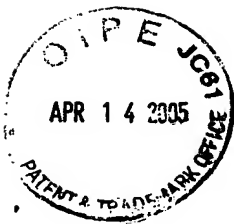


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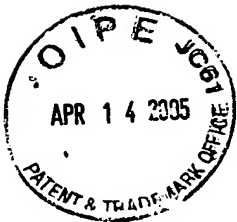
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